Tauranga

February 2025

Country and Western

Welcome to Tauranga and what a welcome you all had. Great weather – much needed rain, then the humidity and sunshine back again.
Thanks to Summerset who have sponsored our medals for this tournament. Brenda Drew the Sales Manager from "Summerset by the Dunes"- arrived along with her hubby dressed for the occasion. Brenda presented medals to our winners before our dinner. We also had Josh and Chris from the Tenpin Tauranga dining with us.
Raymon Soloman was our musician for the night and he kept everybody on their toes and the rest of us singing along too. (*Great choice Wiki*) Sorry everyone but Ron Morgan was out of action with a painful Achillies, so we missed his rendition of "**Alice**"
Dinner was plentiful with an abundance of food and we must thank the Tauranga Citizen Club for their outstanding meal and the help with setting up the tables.
Our Tournament went without any hitches and we thank you all for keeping us up to our set times – even though a couple of Tauranga members were a little slow arriving at the Centre!
Plenty of sightseeing with Cruise Ships visiting our Port, The Mount and Ocean Beach, The Strand, The Waterfront and plenty of shopping malls to keep shoppers happy too!
Congratulations to our 55+ Tauranga 2025 Champion of Champions, Runners Up and all those that have won medals. Home advantage may have been a possibility as we saw a clean sweep of Tauranga bowlers in the finals. The Men`s final was a great spectacle with only 2 pins between the bowlers!
Congratulations also to our bowlers who have won themselves a 250+ Game Medal.

Phil Wright 279 and a 279

Jim Nixon 278

Phil Wright 257

Well done guys!

55+ Tauranga Champion of Champions 2025

Ladies

Winner
Judith O`Rourke (*Tauranga)*
Runner Up
Anne Mcnaull (*Tauranga*)

Men

Winner
Phil Wright (*Tauranga*)
Runner Up
Colin Reid (*Tauranga*)

From your Delegates

Waitakere

Back in Tauranga. What a wonderful place to kickstart our first tournament of the year after such a long absence. And what a great tournament it was. Awesome to catch up with our old bowling friends again. Dinner & prizegiving another great night. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the awesome food. Thanks to Judy Reed & her team for a well organised tournament. Waitakere had two new bowlers, Kay Dews who was delighted to win several medals & Tom Chin. Both were pleased and surprised that everyone was so friendly & welcomed them. Something that I had told them that would happen. So, thanks everyone for not letting me down by welcoming them both. They enjoyed themselves & will be attending the next tournament if possible.

Between us Waitakere bowlers, we managed to win some medals, something that puts a smile on our faces and makes it all worthwhile.

I hope to see everyone at New Plymouth in June.

In the mean- time, stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards

Del

Hastings

9 bowlers from Hastings made the trek to Tauranga. We were expecting to see our numbers drop by one as Ariel had a big toe amputated on Friday before we left! Amazingly Ariel managed to bowl in all events, a tribute to his tenacity …and he tells me – “the drug”. Unfortunately, our supporter/manager Barb Nonu could not attend, but Barb tells me – she **will be** in New Plymouth and she **will be bowling**.

Thanks to Judy and the Tauranga team. It was a great event, well run and the food at the dinner was fantastic. It was great to have music too. It was disappointing that there were no prizes for Best Dressed. Hopefully we will see that return in New Plymouth.

For me personally, it was a good tournament with 2 medals, the only bowler from Hastings to get on the podium. We aim to do better in New Plymouth.
Preston

Rotorua
Disappointing turnout from Rotorua, only 1 representative Allan Harris.
He bowled well but no medals this time, there will be in the future - I am sure.
I (Chris Clare) was not able to attend due to family problems. These are all resolved and I will be at future events, already booked motel for NP.
Chris

New Plymouth
(It is with regret that I haven't heard back from Justin so I have just entered a little bit ...)
Congratulations to David Gitty who came 3rd in the Men's B grade Singles.
Looking forward to N.P in June – have been informed plenty of parking and pop-up coffee shop will be in operation.

Palmerston North
Once again it was great to attend the 55+ Tournament at Tauranga.
We had 22 members attend and had some great bowlers and some not so great - even with good handicaps. OH DEAR
Thanks go to Judith, Kerry, Committee and Tauranga group who did a fantastic job. The dinner was enjoyed by all of us. A great social time with some new and old bowling friends.
Thanks Shirley, for organising motels for most of us and sorting us all out.

"A Mammoth Task"

By the way we congratulate Shirley and John on their recent marriage and wish them well. I am a bit doubtful about keeping the top tier of the wedding cake for a special occasion. I feel they have missed the boat on that one.
GOOD LUCK to you both.
Congratulations to our medal winners. Some great bowling.
We look forward to meeting up with everyone again in New Plymouth in June.
(At least the traffic won`t be as bad as Tauranga)
Take care until then.
Kay

Congratulations to you both

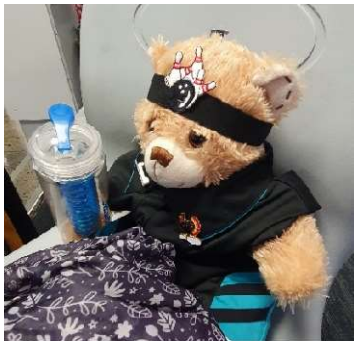
Christchurch

Hi all. What a lovely time we had in Tauranga. Thank you to the Tauranga team for an awesome tournament. After two years of injury I finally came back to Christchurch with a Medal was so happy with that and where I came all up. To top it off I have finally broken the 200 with a 202 in league so hopefully my bowling will keep on improving. Unfortunately, I will not be bowling tournaments this year but hope to be in Palmerston North next February with a Christchurch team. Good luck for the rest of this year`s tournaments everyone.
Cheers
Gillian

Petone

We set out at 7.30 Sunday morning. Had a good trip up with no problems except Bev tried to go over the roundabout at Ohakea instead of around it. Got it right just in time.

Took us 7 hours not like some people who got lost and 11 hours later arrived in Tauranga. Have you learnt to read the road signs yet - Wayne?
The tournament was well run. Bowling from our point of view wasn`t very good. The only one who got a medal was the oldest one in our group. Go Rosemary!
Dinner was wonderful. Good food, good wine and good music. We did get a $65 parking ticket which has now been paid.
Look forward to seeing you at New Plymouth.
Lesley



North City
Another great 55+ tournament. 23 from North City ventured North to Tauranga but sadly only one medal was brought home. Congratulations David Thomas for bringing home gold in the A grade Men's Singles.
A great week was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Josh and his team for a well-run tournament and the meal at the club was superb. Parking was a bit of an issue and some did not follow the instructions on where to park and came home with a ticket. No names being mentioned.
Personally, I had a great time with my partners in crime Diane and Tisha.
Some of our team (Gillian, Pete, Diane, Tisha hangars on Ally and Paulette and Wayne from Petone) went out for a meal and ended up in a Pub Quiz.
We came 4th, a good effort team.

Very much looking forward to New Plymouth.
See you all then.
Alma

Tauranga

It was awesome to see so many bowlers at our very first 55+ tournament in Tauranga. Thank you all for making it a successful 4 days of bowling, we really did enjoy having you at our centre and look forward to hosting another one in the near future. Also, a big thank you to Josh, Mark, Rebecca and staff who did a fantastic job with catering and making sure the lanes remained operational throughout the tournament and to our Tauranga members for all of your help manning the check in desk, lane marshalling and selling the scratchies. We couldn`t have done it without you.

Dinner at the Citz Club was a great night and it was lovely to see everyone dressed for the country and western theme. The food was delicious and our solo entertainer Raymond was awesome and managed to get most of us up dancing.

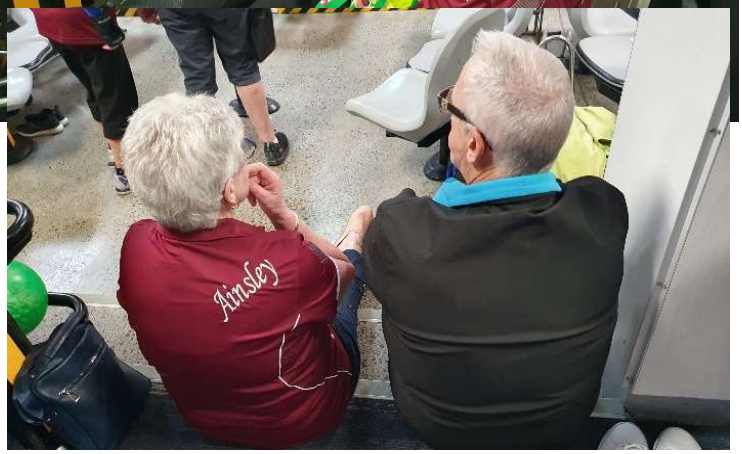
Well done to all our bowlers who won medals and congratulations to Judith O`Rourke and Phil Wright who won the ladies and men`s Champion of Champions. Congratulations also to the runners up Anne McNaul and Colin Reid, well done to you both.

A full list of the results can be found on the 55+ website.

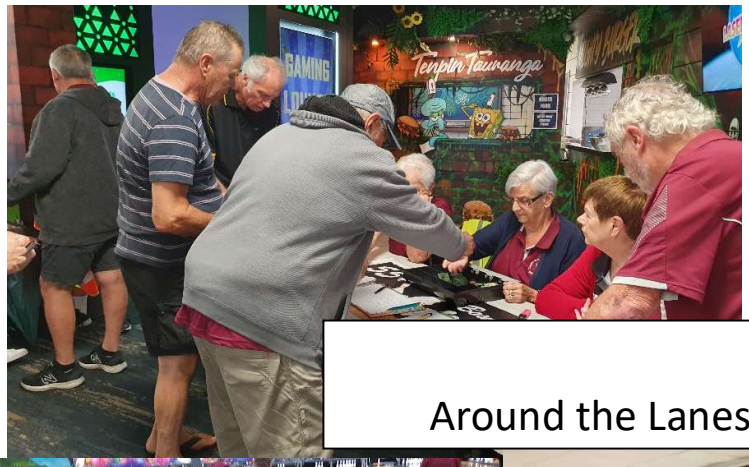
Judy

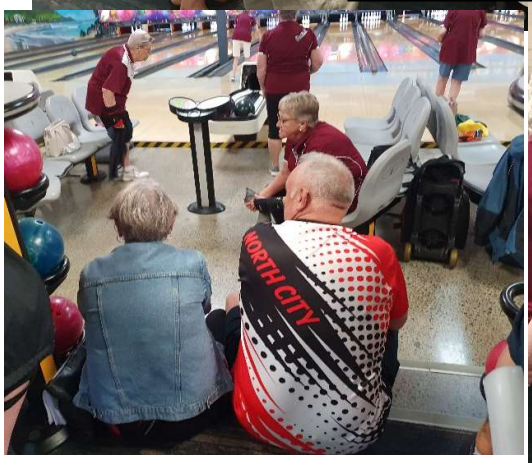
Just a snippet…

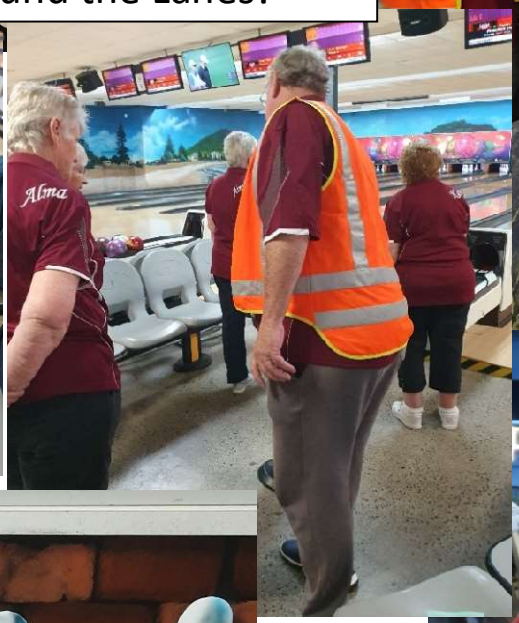
I heard from someone who had received a “Breach Notice”. Some of our members had used the carpark beside the Citz Club and found themselves dining a little longer than the ninety minutes as stipulated on the sign –
“Oh” I said!
Only to have now received my own “Breach Notice”!
Oooh (*there seems to have been a few of us!)*



Around the Lanes!







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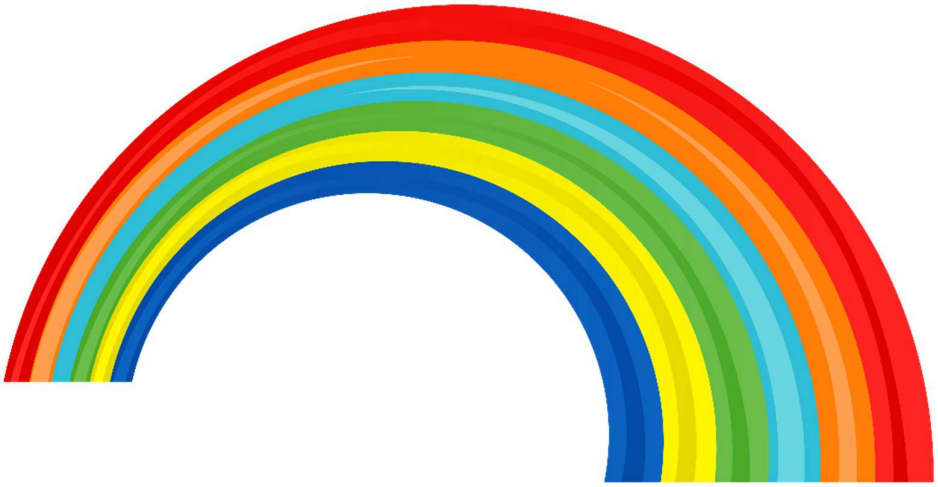
New Plymouth June 2025

Monday 9th – Friday 13th

Theme

Any Colour of the Rainbow

We will see you all there!